Purchase of Nuclear Plant by Pakistan from France

1538. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKR1SHNA: PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken up the matter regarding the possibility of purchase of nuclear plant from France by Pakistan with the President of France during his recent visit to the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what was his reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO); (a) to (c) No, Sir. We understand that no new developments have taken place recently in this area between France and Pakistan. We are, however, keeping a close watch on the situation. The French are aware of our serious concern about the weapons oriented nuclear programme of Pakistan.

Amounts for Improvement of National Waterways

1539. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 15 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd November, 1988 and state what is the length of wateways proposed to be declared as National Waterways and amount proposed to be spent for their improvement during the next Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Out of ten waterways identified for considera--tion for declaration as National Waterways, Ganga-Bhagirathi stretch (1620 kms) and Sadiya-Dhubri stretch (891 kms) have already been declared as National Waterways. In respect of Quilon-Cochin Section of West Coast Canal alongwith Champakara Canal and Udyog Mandal Canal (210 kms) studies have been completed as a prelude to the declaration of National Waterway.

As regards remaining, the specific waterways, the length in each such waterway to be declared as National Waterway and the financial outlay on them will be decided after finalisation of the VIITth plan.

Safety Measures Laid Down by DGCA

1540. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA.
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has laid down stringent measure for pilots, engineers and grpund staff to ensure utmost flight safety;

(b) if so, what are the details of the instructions issued in this regard; and

(c) what are the details of the fresh steps contemplated in this regard and the extent to which safety of passengers would be ensured thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Stringent measures have been laid down for the issue of licences to Pilots, Flight Engineers and Aircraft, Maintenance Engineers. The standards for the issue of licences are in conformity with International standards specified by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

Rule 81-B of the Aircraft Rules has been amended, which prohibits slaughtering and flaying of animals, depositing of

rubbish etc. in the vicinity of aerodromes, which might attract birds.

D.G.C.A. has advised all airlines to establish dedicated cells for preparation of FDR / DFD read out and to monitor CVR to identify areas of devia-tional and unusual occurances.

D.G.C.A. has also set up a Flight Inspection Directorate.

Air India Service to Tashkent

1541 SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has started weekly service to Tashkent irf USSR;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions settled with Aeroflot by the Air India for the operation of the said flight; and

(c) what are the new routes which Air India would commence during 198°°

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Air.India has started once weekly service Delhi / Tashkent *I* Delhi with effect from 18 February, 1989.

(b) Air India were already operating, with IL-62M aircraft wet-leased from Aeroflot, thrice weekly services between India and Moscow. This agreement has been amended to increase the guaranteed flying hours from 2160 hrs. per annum to 2640 hrs. per annum on the same terms and conditions. Now Air India is operating once a week Delhi / Tashkent / Delhi frequency in addition to the thrice weekly operations with the leased IL-62M aircraft.

(c) Air India plans to recommence their services to Baghdad but a final decision in the matter has not been taken yet.

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1542. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:**
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अधीन "स्पेशल" सेवा के नाम से कुछ ऐसी बसें चलाई जा रही हैं जिनमें एक ही प्रकार का किराया अर्थात् 2 रुपये वसूल किया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार की बस सेवा के अधीन दिन के समय कितनी बसें चलाई जा रही हैं;

(ग) आम बसों के साथ इन बसों का अनुपात क्या है;- और

(घ) इस प्रकार की परिवहन सेवा के अधीन जो बसें चलाई जा रही हैं, उन में यात्रियों को क्या-क्या अतिरिक्त सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) और (ख) व्यस्त घंटों के दौरान निर्दिष्ट ट्रिपों पर प्रति यात्रा एक मुश्त 2 रुपए वसूलने वाली विशेष सेवाएं चलाई जाती हैं। उनके लिए खासकर अलग से बस नहीं रखी जाती है। दिल्ली परिवहन निगम प्रतिदिन 53,391 ट्रिपें प्रचालित करता है जिसमें से ऐसी बसों द्वारा 3,406 ट्रिपें प्रचालित की जाती हैं।

(ग) विशेष सेवाओं और सामान्य सेवाओं द्वारा ट्रिपों का अनुपात 1:16 है।

(घ) ऐसी सेवाओं द्वारा प्रदान की जा रही अतिरिक्त सुविधाओं में स्टापों की सीमित संख्या जिससे सफर के समय में कमी, नॉन-स्टाप प्वाइंट टू प्वाइंट सेवा का प्रावधान जिससे यात्रियों के सफर के समय में और भी बचत होती है और रेलवे स्टेशनों से प्रचालित सेवाओं में सामान ढोने का प्रावधान शामिल है।